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PRESS RELEASE

New USAID Mission Director arrives in Macedonia

Patricia Rader, the new USAID Mission Director for the Republic of Macedonia has arrived in country.

Patricia Rader has had a long and varied career with USAID, which has taken her to Africa and most recently to Pakistan as Deputy Mission Director. During this period she also served as the Acting Mission Director.

"I'm delighted to be here and I look forward to meeting and working with our Macedonian counterparts," said Ms. Rader.

Prior to her assignment in Pakistan, Rader was the Director of the Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Bureau Program Office at USAID's Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She previously served in Tanzania, and has spent several years in the Africa Bureau, also in Washington.

Ms. Rader has an MS from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C., an MA from the Fletcher School, Tufts University in Boston, and a BA from the University of Connecticut.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 20 projects worth \$30 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>